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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK VISITORS
1. EXIMBANK PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN JOHN L. MOORE, JR., SPECIAL ASSISTANT GREGORY A. HICKS, ECONOMIST RUSSELL A. PRICE, AND LOAN OFFICER GERALD D. SOLOMON PLAN TO VISIT KOREA IN EARLY JUNE. MOORE AND HICKS EXPECT ARRIVE SEOUL SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AFTER ATTENDING BERNE UNION MEETING IN TOKYO EARLIER IN WEEK, WHILE PRICE AND SOLOMON PLAN TO DEPART WASHINGTON SO AS TO ARRIVE SEOUL LATE FRIDAY, MAY 30. FLIGHTS AND ARRIVAL TIMES WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY WHEN KNOWN. GROUP WOULD DEPART SEOUL EITHER THURSDAY JUNE 5, OR FRIDAY JUNE 6, DEPENDING ON HOW WIDELY KOREAN JUNE 6 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED; REQUEST EMBASSY GUIDANCE ON THIS.
2 DESIRE EMBASSY BRIEFING EARLY JUNE 2. MOOVE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT CHOI, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEE,
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MINISTER OF FINANCE KIM, KOREA ELECTRIC CO., KOREA DEVELOPMENT BANK, KOREA EXCHANGE BANK, KOREA EXIMBANK, AND KOREA AIR LINES. SOLOMON AND PRICE SUGGEST WORKING LEVEL VISITS FOR THEMSELVES AT KECO AND EPB, IN ORDER OBTAIN NEEDED FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC DATA.
3. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT AFFILIATES OF THE NEW ORLEANS TRADE MART, AN ORGANIZATION OF IMPORT AND XPORT ORIENTED GOODS AND SERVICES COMPANIES WILL BE VISITING KOREA AT THE TIME OF CHAIRMAN MOORE'S VISIT. THEIR PLANS ARE UNSETTLED, AND A COMMERCE DEPT. REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTACT A TRADE MART OFFICIAL TO GET DETAILS OF MISSION. COMMERCE WILL THEN PASS DETAILS TO EMBASSY. CHAIRMAN MOORE PLANS TO ACCOMPANY THE TRADE MART GROUP ON SOME OF ITS APPOINTMENTS IF THEIR TRIP MATERIALIZES. (THE GROUP IS ALSO THINKING OF CONTINUING TO JAPAN AFTER A 5-DAY KOREAN VISIT.)
4. EXIMBANK VISITORS RECEPTIVE TO EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS
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AS TO OTHER CALLS, PLANT VISITS, AND TRAVEL WITHIN KOREA THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL.
5. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR FOUR SINGLES AT HOTEL LOTTE, IF RATES NOT MUCH MORE THAN CHOSUN, AND INFORMING EXIMBANK OF CONTROL OFFICER AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE BY MAY 5.
6. EXIM GREATLY APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S HELP AND COOPERATION. VANCE